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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2037

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SUBJ: COUP ATTEMPT: PRESS GUIDANCE, AMBASSADOR'S PRESS STATEMENT
AND RESPONSES TO PRESS INQUIRIES

1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS CONFERENCE BY BRIG. GENERAL OTELO
SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, WE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO
PRESS AT 11:30 P.M. MARCH 11 LOCAL TIME AND REPEATED
SAME STATEMENT MARCH 12:

"WITH REFERENCE TO ADIO AND TELEVISION PRESS CONFERENCE
OF MARCH 11 WITH BRIG. GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE TO THE PRESS:

" I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL
AND PARTICULARLY COPCON, WHICH IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
BRIG. OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, ARE CAPABLE OF AND HAVE THE
INTENTION OF ENSURING THE SECURITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS
GUARANTEE IS NORMAL AMONG COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAIN
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS."

2. IN RESPONSE TO OTHER PRESS QUERIES RAISED BY GENERAL OTELO'S
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REMARKS, THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN GIVEN ONLY

ORALLY:

Q. DID AMERICAN EMBASSY OR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EVENTS OF MARCH 11?

A. AMBASSADOR CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY PARTICIPATION, EITHER PERSONAL OR BY AMERICAN EMBASSY, IN YESTERDAY'S EVENTS.

Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONTACT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF PERSONAL SAFETY?

A. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AND THEY HAVE ASSURED HIM OF FULL SECURITY. AMBASSADOR IS SATISFIED WITH SECURITY PROVIDED.

Q. DOES AMBASSADOR PLAN TO LEAVE PORTUGAL?

A. AMBASSADOR HAS NO PLANS TO LEAVE PORTUGAL. HE IS THE ACCREDITED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL.

3. ALMOST ALL PRESS QUERIES WE RECEIVING CONCERN GENERAL OTELO'S REMARKS ABOUT AMBASSADOR AND ALLEGED USG IMPLICATION IN ABORTIVE COUP. DEPARTMENT'S CATEGORICAL DENIAL MARH 11 VERY HELPFUL THIS REGARD.
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